



The Newsletter of the High Country, Tolland Massachusetts

The Tolland Tattler

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Zoning Bylaw Passes At Special Town Meeting on November 15th

The proposed Tolland zoning bylaw was passed by 2/3rd's majority vote as proposed with minor editorial amendments (spelling, clarity). The following amendments were made and accepted:

- Change in definition of Front Line to be consistent with proposed Street Line definition (Section IV)
- Addition of Wind Generator Towers to the Table of Land Use (in addition to other communications towers). Such towers would be Prohibited in Town Center and be by Special Permit in AR-I and AR-II

The Applicant's Guide to the Planning Process referred to in the bylaw will be available by year end.

The Zoning Bylaw will be sent to the Massachusetts Attorney General for final approval. The Applicant's Guide to the Planning Process (referred to in the Bylaw) is under development and will be available on-line and at Town Hall after the first of the year.

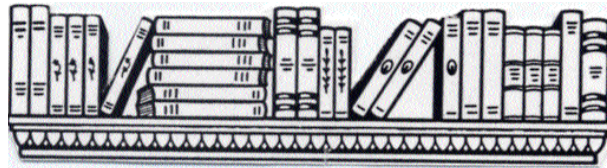
All members of the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee are thanked for their hard work and dedication to completing the task. Committee members included Gert McKay, Jeff Parrette, Sue Voudren, Eric Munson, Jr., James Joyce, Kathy Bonadies, and Gloria Gerry,

*Steve McAlister, Chair
Tolland Planning Board*

Tolland Public Library - Board of Trustees

The Library Trustees are pleased to announce that Librarian Jessica Kelmelis has completed all course work and certification requirements established by the Massachusetts Commission on Public Libraries. Jessica attended numerous courses to achieve this certification status and should be congratulated for her commitment and fine work. This certification is essential to keeping our library open and meeting state standards. Thank you, Jessica, for this fine effort

Carolyn Locke, Chair. Penny Babbitt and Gloria Gery, Trustees



The Tolland Library

New items in the library...

Books:

Predator by Patricia Cornwell
At First Sight by Nicholas Sparks
The Lincoln Lawyer by Michael Connelly
A Wedding in December by Anita Shreve
700 Sundays by Billy Crystal
Flush by Carl Hiasen
Eldest by Christopher Paolini

Movies:

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Madagascar
Polar Express
Christmas with the Kranks
Sahara
All Creatures Great and Small (Series IV)
Band of Brothers

It is clear that we have many new things for our patrons to enjoy. We invite you to a special holiday open house with extended hours on Saturday December 10th. We will be open from 10 am to 2 pm. The feature of the open house will be the art work of local resident Hillary Carl. All of Hillary's items will be for sale. We will have all the Holiday books out for display. Come pick out a few good stories or a few craft books to get your holiday ideas. We will have refreshments, music and a craft table for children. Please come spend some time in one of this town's treasures.





Our Tolland 4-H Club, the Blue Ribbon Mountaineers, spent a beautiful Autumn afternoon last month at a dairy farm in the Berkshires. This was our club's first field trip and was enjoyed by all who attended. Fourteen of our club members and friends took a field trip to High Lawn Farm in Lee, Massachusetts.

High Lawn Farm, which sits on 1,300 acres, is nestled in the rolling hills of the Berkshires between Lee, Lenox and Stockbridge. Their Jersey cows have been bred at the farm for more than 85 years. The result is great tasting, all-natural Jersey milk. The reason for their highly nutritional milk, boast the farm's managers, is that they use no growth hormones to artificially increase milk production. Also, pure Jersey milk provides 20 percent more calcium and 17 percent more protein than milk from other breeds.

We were able to get up close and personal with their nearly 200 Jersey cows, who are a 'chocolate milk' color with big beautiful eyes, friendly tongues, and a calm demeanor. We toured the barns and the milking room, and received an education in Jersey cows and the farm's operations. The kids were even treated to some delicious chocolate milk which was produced and processed right there at the farm. Many thanks to High Lawn Farm for the very enjoyable tour of your operation!

About 4-H:

The goal of 4-H is to help kids develop as individuals and as responsible and productive citizens in their communities. It is a "learn-by-doing" program for boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18. We meet monthly at the Town Hall and encourage any interested kids or adult volunteers to come by for a visit to see what our club is doing. If you have any questions about our club, feel free to call Mike Sullivan at 258-4829.

Notes, Classifieds, Personals:

WARNING TO ALL TOLLAND RESIDENTS

Those of you who heat with wood...watch out!

We recently had some trees taken down professionally. In order to feed the wood stove, I spent hours cutting to length and splitting (by hand) about half a cord of ash and maple. I loaded my truck with the ash but was too tired to move the split maple.

Sometime between Sunday afternoon (2:00 Nov. 13) and Monday morning (8:30; Nov. 14) my cut and split firewood was taken from my property. Cut and split! This was not wood to be scavenged after sitting for weeks along the side of the road.

This was trespass and theft. An "Incident Report" will be filed with the police. Those who rely on wood for heat should be wary. Enough said...

Bob Ueberbacher

From the office of The Tax Collector

Preliminary real estate and personal property tax bills for Fiscal Year 2006, which ends July 1 were mailed on November 21st. The tax bills are due 30 days from mailing (December 21st) at The Tolland Town Hall:

Collector's Office
241 West Granville Rd
Tolland, MA 01034

By law, the bills were mailed to the owners of record as of Jan 1, 2005.

Any new homeowner or anyone who has not received the real estate or personal property tax bill should contact the Collector's Office. The Collector's Office can be reached at (413)258-4794.

'All I Want for Christmas' Campaign

Head Start is once again working to brighten the season! Head Start is a program for low income families with preschool children. The "All I Want for Christmas" campaign is a Head Start effort to provide a happier holiday season for Head Start families in the area who have limited resources. The campaign will run from November 25, 2005 until December 21, 2005.

Community contributions are needed to help in our efforts. Individuals can help by donating new toys, books, clothing or household items at your local Big Y store or at any Head Start site. Businesses and community groups may want to conduct 'dress down' days or other fundraisers to benefit the program. Donations of gift certificates are also welcome contributions to the campaign.

If you would like to adopt a Head Start family or contribute in another way, please contact Sarah Beard at 413 562-0596.

Preschool Screening -3 -4 years of age

The Southwick-Tolland Regional School District will have a free screening for children 3 and 4 years of age on Friday, January 20, 2006 at the Southwick-Tolland Early Childhood Center at 512 College Highway, Southwick, MA. Any child residing in the towns of Tolland or Granville is eligible to participate in this free screening.

If you are interested in placing your child in the pre-school setting, sign up for a free screening and make an appointment to visit our program.

Please call 569-6598 for an appointment

Free Screening: Friday January 20, 2005



Breakfast with Santa!

The Granville-Tolland Lion's Club will be hosting the annual "Breakfast With Santa" on Saturday, December 10th from 7:00am to 11:00am at the Fellowship Hall below the Granville Federated Church, Granville, MA. The ALL You Can Eat - Pancake-Sausage-Bacon-Juice and Coffee breakfast, hosted by Santa and his Helpers is \$5.00 for Adults and \$2.00 for Children 6-12 years and free for children 5 years and under.

So kids, come tell santa what you're wishing for! Proceeds from this event are donated by the Lion's to support: Massachusetts based Eye Research, Community based Emergency Services and Local Youth Sports.

We'll see you there!

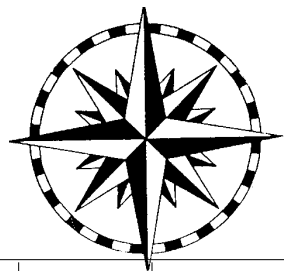
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For those new to town or to the computer, we encourage you to go to the Town of Tolland official website, www.tolland-ma.gov. It has all the forms, information, and content you'll need about Tolland. You can get the latest issue of the Tattler... find resources... locate appointed and elected officials and discover fun events.

You can also click on the Email Subscriber button at the bottom of the page and sign up for automatic email delivery of selectmen and committee meeting minutes, News and Notices and other things. News and Notices delivers up to date information and reminders that can't always be scheduled for the Tattler.

Keep up with what's new and happening at the website.

Tolland Weather



Elevation: 1500 feet above sea level

For the period: September 18 to October 21, 2005

	MAX.	DATE	TIME	MIN.	DATE	TIME
TEMPERATURE	69	Nov. 5	1pm	20	Nov. 19	3am
HUMIDITY	100% several times			21%	Oct. 31	3pm
DEWPOINT	59	Nov. 16	2pm	11	Nov. 18	11am
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	30.15	Nov. 15	1am	29.12	Oct. 26	2pm
WIND SPEED/DIRECTION	33mphNNW	Oct. 30	2pm			
WIND CHILL				4	Nov. 18	10am
TOTAL RAINFALL	5.88					
TOTAL SNOWFALL	1					

High Country weather prepared by Steve Strinie

Granville Federated Church *American Baptist & United Church of Christ*
Granby Road, Granville, MA 01034 -Phone (413) 357-8583

GRANVILLE CHURCH POSTS HOLIDAY PLANS...

- The gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child should be at the Granville Federated Church by Nov. 20.
- A Christmas Advent program will be held at the church on Sat. Dec. 3. Adults will decorate the sanctuary beginning at 2pm while children do a holiday gift and craft project downstairs starting at 4pm. A potluck supper follows at 6pm with carol singing at 7pm.
- The Ladies Aid's annual Christmas potluck luncheon will be held on Wed Dec. 14 at noon in the Fellowship Hall.
- Hats and mittens will be collected on the Mitten Tree for distribution through the Springfield Council of Churches.
- On Sun. Dec 18, breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:30am
- Confirmation Class meets on Sun. Dec. 11 at 11:15am with the Rev. Patrick McMahon.
- The traditional Christmas Eve service begins at 7pm. Christmas Sunday will be celebrated on Dec. 25 at the 10am service.
 - Sunday - 9am Junior Choir practice. 10am - Worship Service, Sunday School to run on currently with Worship Service. Childcare available. 11am - Coffee Hour.
 - Monday - 7pm - AA Meeting
 - Thursday - 7pm - Adult Choir Practice
 - First Saturday - 6 pm - Potluck Supper in Fellowship Hall
 - Second Sunday - 11:15am - Confirmation Class meets with Minister
 - Third Sunday - 8:30-9:30am - Breakfast served in Fellowship Hall
 - Third Wednesday - Noon - Ladies Aid Potluck Luncheon & Meeting
 - Fourth Sunday - 11:15 am - Adult Study Program led by the Rev. Patrick McMahon.

All are welcome

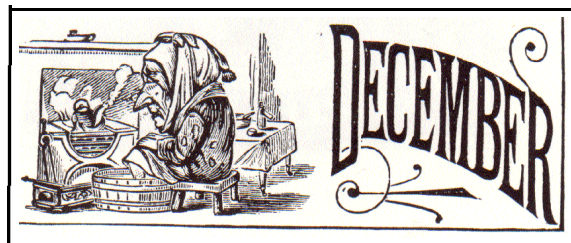
Town Hall Hours:

- Mon. & Tues. - 8:00am to 4:00pm
- Wed. from 8:00am to 12pm




Assessor Clerk's hours : Monday 10am-4pm

Town Clerk hours: Monday 1 - 4pm



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. 3:00pm - 8:30pm Thurs. 11:00am - 4:00pm Sat. 10:00am -12:00pm				1	2	3 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
4 3:00 - 5:00 pm DUMP	5 5 - 6 Bldg.Insp. 6:00 Selectmen Sen.Knapik 11:30-12:15	6 2 - 4 pm Board of Health	7 5 - 7:00pm DUMP	8 2 - 4 pm COA Party	9	10 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
11 3:00 - 5:00 pm DUMP	12	13 2 - 4 pm Board of Health	14 5-7:00pm DUMP	15	16	17 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
18 3:00 - 5:00 pm DUMP	19 5:00 Bldg.Insp 6:00pm Selectmen . 7:00pm PlanningBoard	20 1:00pm Board of Assessors 2 - 4 pm Board of Health	21 5-7:00pm DUMP	22	23	24 HANUKKAH BEGINS at SUNDOWN 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
25 CHRISTMAS DAY 3:00 - 5:00 pm DUMP	26 TOWN HALL CLOSED	27 2 - 4 pm Board of Health	28 5-7:00pm DUMP	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 9 - 11:00 am DUMP

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